

**YALE UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE**

Guidelines for Student Supervision and Safety on Required Clerkships

The Yale School of Medicine is committed to developing highly competent physicians. The School of Medicine will provide supervision of medical students in all clinical areas to ensure quality education as well as patient and student safety.

1. The central administration of medical education expects each department to be responsible for ensuring student and patient safety in the required clinical experiences of their clerkship.
2. At each clerkship orientation, students must be informed of the expectations for their participation and supervision in patient care. Clerkship directors are responsible for informing faculty and residents of these same expectations.
3. Clerkship directors are responsible for assigning students to designated faculty and resident supervisors for all clinical experiences and for ensuring that faculty, residents, and students are made aware of these assignments. Students are to be provided with rapid, reliable systems for communicating with supervising faculty and resident physicians.
4. The amount of supervision required for each student will vary according to the clinical task and clinical status of each patient and should be commensurate with the student's level of training, education, and clinical experience.
5. Supervision is designed to foster progressive responsibility. Whenever clinically appropriate, supervisors should provide opportunities for students to demonstrate increasing independence and responsibility for patient care.
6. Where clinically and educationally appropriate, physicians who are supervising medical students may delegate responsibility for some elements of teaching and supervision to non-physician care providers (e.g., physician associates, nurses, etc.) within the institution. It will be the responsibility of the each supervising physician to determine which learning experiences are appropriately delegated and to ensure the non-physicians providing such supervision are working within their scope of practice.
7. Medical students are not to be involved in any portion of the medical care of other medical students.
8. Medical students enrolled in sub-internships and clinical electives are also subject to the above guidelines.

